

# **School Matters**

October 8, 2024

Keeping you connected with what is happening at the school.

**Mission:** The mission of King Christian School is to equip students to positively impact society through a Christ-centred education in a supportive and dedicated community. **Vision:** As a vibrant, connected partner in our community, KCS integrates 21st century learning skills, resources and strategies to engage students in a Christ-centred education.

## **School News and Business**

### Calendar

Fri. Oct. 11 Chapel-8:45am Mon. Oct. 14

Thanksgiving-no school

Thurs. Oct. 17

Cross Country - Owen Sound

Fri. Oct. 18

Grandparents' and Special

Friends' Day 11 am

Wed. Oct. 23

Picture re-take day

Thurs. - Fri. Oct. 24-25

Edvance Annual Gathering –

**School Closed** 

Wed. Oct. 30

Grade 7/8 day at TD

Fri. Nov. 1

Chapel-8:45 am

Thurs. Nov. 7 and Wed. Nov. 13

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Fri. Nov. 8

PA day-school closed

Sat. Nov. 9

Merry Market 10 am - 3 pm



Students are asked to bring lunches for their grandparents / special friends. Students and their guests will get together for lunch in classrooms and in the gym. Please plan out the lunch schedule with your child(ren) and extended families involved so that everyone has food and someone to eat with – be sure that everyone in the family knows where the meeting place will be, especially the little ones. If grandparents are unavailable, families may wish to ask another special friend to join, so that every family has a guest.

# Principal's Message



B. Noble, Principal

#### Dear KCS Community:

Thanksgiving greetings to all of the King Christian School community! It is hard to believe that six weeks have passed in this school year already, but what a lot of things have been packed into a short amount of time!

The annual Fun Run on October 4th was a huge success. We enjoyed spectacular fall weather and lots of hard work. With the generous donations gathered, we have far surpassed our target amount and have totalled more than \$30,000! Thank you to all our supporters for their commitment to Christian schooling!

As we change seasons, we marvel at God's creativity and bounty. Enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends and may God bless you with joy and gratitude. Sincerely,

B. Noble, Principal



KING CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

10AM - 3PM

Join us for our 2nd annual Merry Market!
Full of fun for everyone. Find activities for the kids, food, 30+ vendors to shop, urns, poinsettias, family portraits, silent auction and more!





SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2024 10AM - 3PM
CONTACT MERRYMARKET@KINGCHRISTIAN.CA FOR
VENDOR APPLICATION\*, \$75 FEE

\*vendor approval required

# HOW CAN I HELP?

# SIGN UP ONLINE ON THE GIVE PORTAL



donate an auction item



baKe some treats



cook chili



share the event with friends



GIVE your time



email: merrymarket@kingchristian.ca for non-parent signups or questions

## This year's spiritual theme is 'Salt & Light.' We will be Salt & Light learning about Jesus' teachings in the Sermon on the Mount. Students are learning what it means to be 'salty' for God by helping and serving others. It has been very encouraging to see how children are responding to the idea of taking on the properties of salt (healing, preserving, adding flavour). We pray that the biblical truths from God's Word will seep into hearts and minds in a transformative process of deepening faith. We value your prayers for our students as we focus on Christ at King Christian School. Students at KCS are always encouraged to demonstrate their faith in practical ways through service in the community or something global. This fall our school will be supporting the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child initiative. Students will be packing boxes for boys and girls in under-resourced areas around the world and will take time to pray for the children who will receive the gifts. On September 17th our grade 7 and 8 students enjoyed a **Leadership Fall Fest** beautiful day at Willow Springs Camp to engage in camp activities and devotional time. Students were encouraged to lean into God so that they can grow in their faith and SPRINGS make a positive difference in their school and in the world. Congratulations to the KCS Soccer team! On October 3rd they participated in a tournament with 6 other schools and played many great games. Thanks to Caleb MacDonald for his coaching! Our cross-country team has been training diligently to prepare both for the Fun Run and also for the upcoming meet on October 17th in Owen Sound. Their perseverance can be seen as they use recess times to run continuously. We wish them all the best as they put their training to the test against runners from six other Christian schools! KCS took time on September 30th to learn about Truth and Reconciliation through stories and facts about Indigenous people and the legacy of residential schools in Canada. Every class incorporated prayer for our Indigenous brothers and sisters into their discussion time to build empathy along with knowledge. On October 28, 2024 students in grades 5 to 8 will be taking part in a special presentation on a big blue bus called 'Tour for Humanity.' The intent of the bus is to teach age-appropriate knowledge about the Holocaust, in part through Simon Wiesenthal's personal story. Students will be learning how to be proactive members of society by

creating positive change.

# **Chapel Services**



The following dates have been set aside for school chapel services held in the gym up to the Christmas Holidays. They begin at 8:45 AM and finish at approximately 9:30 AM. Please join us!

- October 11
- November 1
- November 11 (Remembrance Day)
- November 27
- December 18



Phone: (905) 551-6600 118 Holland St. E. Bradford, Ontario KCS continues to benefit from the re-Source Thrift Store in Bradford. What a blessing to receive financial support and resources from this thriving organization! Thank you to all of the workers and volunteers who keep the store running smoothly. Please remember to donate clothing, books and household items to the re-Source Thrift store when you are doing your cleaning!

#### **Donation Hours:**

Mon: 10am to 2pmTue: 10am to 2pmFri: 10am to 8pm



If you've ever seen our lost and found box, you will know that labels make a big difference. KCS has an account with Mabel's Labels, so take advantage of the opportunity to order labels for camp and school. See the link below: https://mabelslabels.ca/en-CA/fundraising/support



Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences
Parent-Teacher Interview Period

## **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Parent-Teacher Conferences are on Thursday, November 7 and Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. In your Edsby messages you will have a message with the link to book a time for your children. You can use the search bar to find the message.

Please note that the conferences are 15 minutes in length, when you hear the bell ring, please promptly leave the classroom, so that the next person waiting can have their full conference time. The front doors will be locked during the conferences, please enter through the Northeast door, by the north parking lot.



**Volunteer Requirements** 

We look forward to having you volunteer at KCS and want to remind you of the process.

Please note that we must have a current Vulnerable Sector Check (good for 3 years) on file for you, prior to volunteering. Please contact the office if you are unsure if yours is current. Please check the news section of Edsby for the other Volunteer requirements and submit the signature sheets to the office-this is an annual requirement. See attached picture that shows you where to find the information. Thank you for taking care of these important steps, prior to volunteering.



#### **GIVE PROGRAM:**

The GIVE Program is up and running. If you still have not had a chance to login, please

visit: <a href="https://portal.onvolunteers.com/login.aspx?s=kcs">https://portal.onvolunteers.com/login.aspx?s=kcs</a> and login with your email and password. Each family at KCS is required to give a minimum of 30 hours for the 2024/2025 school year; with 25 hours going to school support and 5 hours to be completed in fundraising. Uncompleted hours will be calculated at \$50/hour. From the online GIVE portal you can:

- View and register for volunteer opportunities online
- Keep track of your completed and remaining hours (system automatically tracks hours as they're completed)
- Submit any extra tasks and/or time you've volunteered for via AD HOC request
- Add your unique skills to your profile to help KCS find volunteer opportunities to suit your abilities

Remember to sign-in/sign-out on the tablet at the office for any volunteer opportunities that you've signed up for that take place at KCS during school hours. You will need you 4-digit PIN for the tablet. Your PIN can be found on the home screen of your online portal in RED.

Hours done outside of school/hours or any extra hours submitted under AD HOC request will be verified. Admin cannot 'give out' any GIVE hours. It is up to **you** to sign-up for volunteer tasks and submit any extra hours via AD HOC request.

Please reach out to give@kingchristian.ca for any questions related to the volunteer program.

#### Grade 7 & 8 Meat Fundraiser



The proceeds from this fundraiser help our Grade 7 and 8 students reduce the cost of overnight class trips. If you would like to purchase boxes of frozen meat from one of our Grade 7 or 8 students, please contact them and they will give you an order form. The order form is also attached and can be handed in at the office. Orders are due on Monday, November 11th. Please make the cheque payable to King Christian School, or e-transfer finance@kingchristian.ca with Bathurst as the password and put meat in the memo. The Delivery of meat will be on Friday, November 22nd. If you purchased through a student, the student will make arrangements with you for the delivery, otherwise you will need to pick up your meat at the school between 3:00 and 3:15 pm on Friday, November 22nd. When you come pick up your meat, please park in the south parking lot and collect it from the gym doors. Thank-you for your support! ~ the Grade 7 & 8 students.

## **Gift Card Fundraising Program - TRIP**



Purchase gift cards and help out the school! Fill out the order form and drop it off at the school Wednesday mornings or send it by email to <a href="mailto:trip@kingchristian.ca">trip@kingchristian.ca</a> by Wednesday at 9:00am. The order will be ready for you in the office on Wednesday afternoon or sent home via kid-mail.

E-transfer is the preferred method of payment or send a cheque with your school order. The order form and registration form are attached and also can be found in the News Section of Edsby or on the KCS website. You can also place an order online through Zeffy at <a href="https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/8de9af0f-6457-4be1-b66b-52809f170403">https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/8de9af0f-6457-4be1-b66b-52809f170403</a> and pay with your credit card.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email trip@kingchristian.ca. Thank you for your support.

## **Community News**

Giving Well: Year-End Generosity with Lasting Impact

Dear Supporter of King Christian School, thank you for being part of our supporting community. Our school's Foundation is offering you an opportunity to join a webinar titled "Giving Well: Year-End Generosity with Lasting Impact" on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

Maybe you have heard that over the next three years over \$1 Trillion will transfer from Baby-Boomers to Millennials (Maclean's Magazine, September 2024). How can this transfer of assets and your personal giving strategies save tax and make a greater impact? Join this no-cost webinar and access



information that is helpful, timely and valuable.

Register for the webinar with our Foundation - the Christian School Foundation: www.christianschoolfoundation.ca/events.

This is a gift of valuable and timely information from King Christian School and our partners at the Christian School Foundation, as you consider how to give well to any of your favourite year-end causes!